

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 38 have been amended. Claims 18-21, 27 and 39 have been cancelled. With these amendments, claims 1, 4-7, 11-15, 22, 24-26, 28-30, 32-36, and 38 are currently pending in this application. These amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer and do not add any new matter. Applicants retain the right to prosecute any cancelled or otherwise unclaimed subject matter in a continuing, divisional or other application as appropriate. Consideration and entry of this reply is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSIONS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance as soon as possible. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned if it is believed doing so would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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